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## Coconino County Attorney's Office

### County Attorney's Office Conducts "Live Drug Free" Poster Contest for 6<sup>th</sup> graders

**Flagstaff, Arizona:** "Say No!" "Live a Drug Free Life!" and "Don't Do Drugs!" are just a few of the messages conveyed in posters created by sixth grade students throughout Coconino County. This was the first year that the County Attorney's Office conducted its annual Coconino County Attorney's "Live Drug Free" Poster Contest.

"This contest is a fun way for kids to integrate the drug free message with creative artwork and promote the drug free lifestyle in our elementary schools," said County Attorney David Rozema.

The contest was open to all sixth grade students in Coconino County. Principals and teachers at each school were notified of the contest, which took place in conjunction with Red Ribbon Week, an alcohol, tobacco, drug and violence prevention campaign.

Receiving over 80 posters, the County Attorney's Office assembled an eight member selection committee, consisting of police officers, scholars and prominent community members. The selection committee had a difficult time narrowing the field, but was eventually able to select the top 12 posters.

The Grand Prize went to Adan Deniz of Puente de Hozho Magnet School in Flagstaff. His teacher, Mr. Bowie, received a \$300 award to be used for classroom purposes, and his entire class will be going to the Phoenix Art Museum on an all-expense paid field trip this spring. Second place was awarded to Lisa Robbins of Dzil Libei Elementary School in Cameron. Her poster will be reprinted on t-shirts which will be distributed to the students in her class and her teachers.

Calendars were created to showcase the top 12 posters chosen. The 2010 "Live Drug Free" Calendars are being distributed to schools, government agencies, chapter houses, service clubs and local businesses throughout Coconino County. "We want to thank our sponsors for helping with the expenses for this important project- Citizens Against Substance Abuse, Coconino County Alliance Against Drugs, Northern Arizona Street Crimes Task Force (METRO), and Western Navajo-Hopi Meth Task Force", said Rozema.

The winning posters are on display at the Coconino County Attorney's Office, located at 110 E. Cherry Avenue in Flagstaff, and on the County Attorney's website at [www.coconino.az.gov/CountyAttorney](http://www.coconino.az.gov/CountyAttorney).

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